

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the comments in the Office Action which has been carefully considered. It is respectfully submitted that all issues raised are traversed, being hereinafter addressed with reference to the relevant headings appearing in the Detailed Action section of the Office Action.

The Applicant has amended the claim set. The Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claim set are fully supported by the originally filed specification.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claims 29 and 31. In particular the Examiner has indicated that the word "the" is repeated throughout both claims unnecessarily. The Examiner has indicated that one of the repeated "the" should be removed from both claims. The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's conclusion. Upon the Applicants review of both claims 29 and 31 there does not appear to be a repeated "the" that is not providing antecedent basis for a term or phrase. The Examiner has indicated that the repetition occurs after the step i. However, the Applicant does not readily see what the Examiner is highlighting in either claim. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner either clarify the objection or withdraw the claim objection.

Claim Rejection – 35 USC § 112

The Examiner has objected to claim 8 as there is no antecedent basis for the terms "the instruction reader" and "the manipulation construction". Claim 8 has been amended to depend upon claim 7 which provides antecedent basis for both of these phrases. Therefore the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the claim rejections.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 9 to 10, 14, 21 to 22, 26, 33, 35 and 37 as being anticipated by Jain *et al.* (US Patent No. 5,729,471).

The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's conclusion that the claims are anticipated by Jain *et al.*

The Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are not anticipated by Jain *et al.* In particular in relation to claim 1 there is no disclosure in Jain *et al.* of the image manipulator being adapted to manipulate the input image. Jain *et al.* discloses a system including multiple cameras which are used to obtain several different spatial perspectives of an event or the like. The system disclosed in Jain *et al.* displays one image from a number of obtained images from different spatial perspectives recorded by the multiple cameras. In preferred forms, the system automatically determines the preferred image to display to the user. As clearly indicated at lines 5 to 10 of column 9 and throughout the specification, only a single image which has been recorded by one of the cameras is displayed to the user. Therefore, there is no disclosure of the claim limitation of the image manipulator being adapted to manipulate the input image by combining at least part of the input image with at least part of the captured image to form the manipulated image.

Section 2131 of the MPEP indicates that a claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. In this instance, the Applicant respectfully submits that each and every element as set forth in claim 1 has not been expressly or inherently described in Jain *et al.* Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the anticipation rejection. Similar arguments also apply to the subject matter of claims 9 and 21.

Furthermore, the Applicant highlights the subject matter of dependent claims 2, 14 and 26. In particular claim 2 requires "the image manipulator is adapted to manipulate the input image by combining at least part of the input image with at least part of the captured image to form the manipulated image". There is absolutely no disclosure of this limitation in Jain *et al.* as the selected image which is displayed to the user is not modified with another image, wherein the modified image is displayed. Thus, the Applicant respectfully submits that claim 2 also includes subject matter which is not anticipated by Jain *et al.* Similar arguments also apply to the subject matter of claims 14 and 26.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

The Examiner has rejected to claims 3 to 4, 11 to 13 and 23 to 25 as being unpatentable over Jain *et al.* Furthermore, the Examiner has rejected claims 5 to 6, 15 to 16, 27 to 28, 34, 36 and 38 as being unpatentable over Jain *et al.* in further view of Suzuki (US Patent No. 5,847,836). Additionally, the Examiner has rejected claims 7 to 8, 17 to 20 and 29 to 32 as being unpatentable over Jane *et al.* in further view of Kairouz (US Patent No. 5,812,071).

The Applicant respectfully submits that as the Examiner has relied upon Jain *et al.* for disclosing the feature of the image manipulator being adapted to manipulate the input image, Jain *et al.* in view of the above mentioned citations also fails to disclose this claim limitation. As indicated under Section 2143 of the MPEP, there are three basic criteria that must be met in order to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Finally, the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all claim limitations. In this instance, the third basic criteria to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been made out by the Examiner as the claim limitation of the image manipulator being adapted to manipulate the input image is not taught nor suggested by the prior art references when combined.

Based on these reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the obviousness rejection.

Specification

The Applicant has deleted the first paragraph of the specification and inserted it in the paragraph entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" and updated it. Under this paragraph, the Applicant has also replaced all the US application applications numbers with their corresponding granted US patent numbers, where applicable. The Applicant submits that this amendment introduces no new matter.

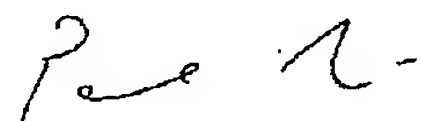
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant requests a Notice of Allowance of all the claims presently under examination.

Very respectfully,

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